

H-9 HOMEROOMS LEAVE HONORS

Four homerooms have recently been preparing a last will and testament for Pershing Junior High. Not only do they leave this, but also a fine record for the three years they have been in this school, which is even more important.

Students from Mr. Brand's, Mrs. High's, Mrs. Nelson's, and Mrs. Eresch's homeroom have contributed toward honors for their groups.

Mrs. High's H-9 homeroom has twenty-seven of the original thirty students. Of these, Mary Ruth Allstott and Lynn Collins have made scholarships; Mary Ruth, 3 scholarships; Lynn, 2 scholarships.

Other outstanding students in this group include: Billy Comiskey, National Honor Society, 1954, and three years' service in the Projection Club; Jim Crowe, football; Norma Adams, cheerleader, 1954, Snowflake Queen, 1953; Joan Christofferson, orchestra; Donald Beckner, orchestra and Typing Club. Norma Adams, Cecile Epting, Mary Ruth Allstott, John Archie, Robert Esch, Trulah Everett, Billy Comiskey, and Billy Copenhaver have been in the chorus three years.

Mrs. Nelson's H-9 homeroom won first place in Book Week contest, 1954, and in the seventh grade, the boys won the football intramurals. Students with scholarships are Patti Oliver, Bob Wright, Louise Wright, Herman Van Olphen, Robert Patterson, and Eleanor Powers. Patti Oliver has six scholarships. Lee Raesener and Billy Yancey were on the football team.

Mr. Brand's H-9 homeroom boasts a real honor student, Julia King. Julia has made all A's for two years.

The group has two football pennants, two baseball pennants, two deck tennis pennants, and one volleyball pennant. The football players in this group were Gaylord Gray, Bob Nash, Dan Johnson, and Pat Sherrill.

Mrs. Eresch's H-9 homeroom, formerly Mrs. Sorrel's group, won the H-9 coed volleyball pennant. Russell Venable and Bob Barnett were on the football team.

Brand's Homeroom:

I, Elaine Antill, will my great (?) wonderful (?) algebra grades to Miss Wyatt, and the great times we had in typing with my typing buddy, Linda Hill, to everyone who takes typing.

I, Judy Baker, leave my motorcycle hat, pins, and knowledge to Judi Works.

I, Bill Gay, will all of my frolics in Mr. Hamner's room to Karen Kamin.

I, Don Gerrard, hereby will the old oil pan of my "48" Ford to Mr. Moss's fast "Nash." Goodness knows, it needs it.

I, Gaylord Gray, will my horse to Judy Mount when it dies. I will a part of my hair to Charlie Church's bald spot. I also will my gym shorts to Walter Britain, and my track letter to Gus Koerner. It's the only letter that he hasn't got.

I, Grace Howell, leave my ability to get into and out of jams easily to Sue Kinney, who doesn't seem to need it.

I, Ben Jones, will the pickup of my "48" Studebaker, "The Fast Pile" by name, to Mr. Denson's hot rod "T."

I, Carol Jones, being of sound mind (?) leave my ability to fail Latin to anybody who wants it.

I, Don Johnson, will my football knowledge to next year's football team and Mr. Barfield, and all my algebra knowledge to Miss Wyatt. I will my 120 words a minute to Mrs. Rollins.

I, Linda Kennedy, leave my last bottle of peroxide to my sister Dixie, who needs it.

I, Judi King, being of sound mind (?) leave this advice to all H-9's that do not take Latin.

I, Pat Lacy, being of sound mind, leave my ducktails to any boys who haven't been able to grow their own for some reason or another. I

also leave my long fingernails to some nervous girl.

I, Charles LaGroue, being of sound mind and body, will my empty "ROOT" beer bottles to Pat Sherrill, and one of my already shot boxes of 22 shells for Benji Jones to use in his pellet gun, and a pair of '53 license plates in '55.

I, Suzanne Langley, will my reducing machine which I got for Christmas to Prissy Lindsay because I don't need it.

I, Mary Jo McMahon, being of sound mind and body, do leave Bobby Delaney my vacant seat on his motor and to Dixie Kennedy I leave the ability to have winks.

I, Andy Mercer, will the cheat notes that I make up daily to my brother, Jack, who I understand needs it.

I, Charlene Moulds, will my brains which I haven't got to Becky Adamson who needs all she can get.

I, John Muth, will my A (?) Latin grades to Higdon Compton.

I, Bob Nash, being of sound (?) will my intelligent brains in Spanish right back to Miss Gregory where I didn't get them. I also will Charlie Church a set of racing cans.

I, Marianne Platte, will my ability to get in and out of trouble to Brenda Coggin and Linda Richards who I think are already ahead of me.

I, Larry Schulte, will my ability to sleep in all my classes without being disturbed to Jerry Turner.

I, Pat Sherrill, will my Latin brains to Mrs. Robertson. I also will Charlie Church a pair of head-ers.

I, Bill Stevens, will my ability to be late to homeroom to those who like to be tardy to class.

Mrs. Highs H-9

I, Norma Adams, will all my good times in Chorus to anyone who is lucky enough to have it.

I, Richard Akkerman, being of sound (?) mind, leave all my "beautiful dolls" to Jerry Turner. (This is a sound mind?)

I, Johnny Allen, will my lousy grades in Algebra and Mechanical Drawing to anybody who is sucker enough to take them.

I, Mary Ruth Allstott, being of sound mind, do bequeath my one and only "doodle-e-boop (?) to Mrs. A. H. R., otherwise known as "The Brain."

I, Susan Archer, being of sound mind, will my ability to joke with Mr. Ridley, and still make H's, to Dolores Kline.

I, Donald Beckner, being of sound mind, will all my good grades to that stupid, no-good, bum Davis Meng.

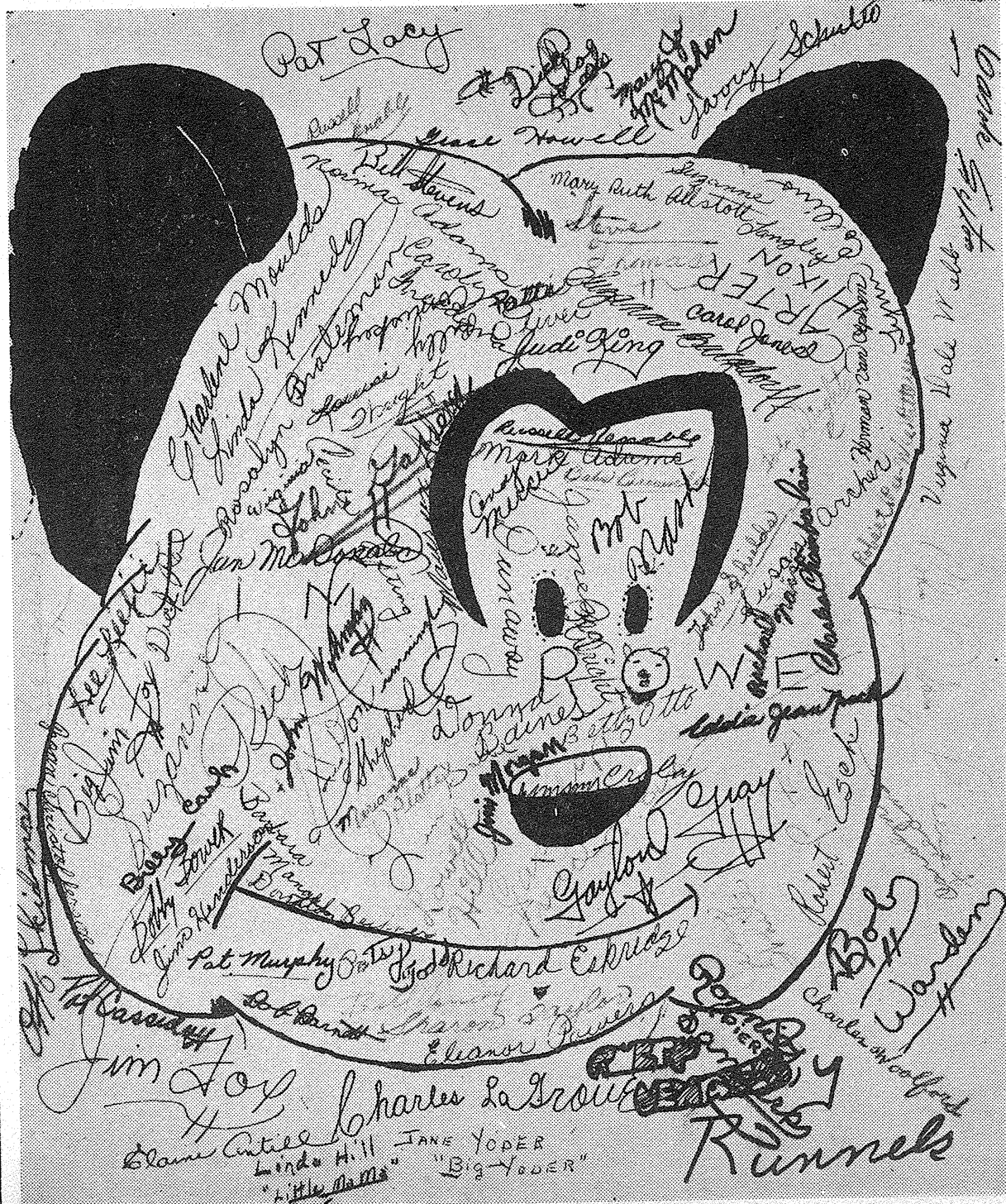
I, Joan Christofferson, being of sound mind, do hereby will my ability to keep quiet and make H's in Mr. Ridley's room to my good friend Angel Hawkins.

I, Bill Comiskey, being of sound mind, will my ability to get along with Mrs. Robertson to Jimmy Croley who will probably still be here.

I, Jimmy ames (Uncle Milty Milton Crowball Croley), being of very sound mind, leave my ability to argue to Joy Williams.

I, Steve Dowell, being of sound mind, hereby leave Mr. Young to anybody who will have him.

I, Cecile Epting, being of sound mind, hereby leave all my good



grades to anyone who deserves them.

I, Bob Esch, will my laughs with and at Mr. Hamner to some ninth grader with a sense of humor. I also will the fun I had in the low 9 with a certain brunette to some other sucker.

I, Maureen line, will to my good friend Marlowe Meyers my ability to stay out of trouble.

I, Lee Lillie, will my grades in all my classes to my sister, Ellen Lillie. I hope she can do more with them than I did.

I, Doug Cunningham, will my little red car, with my brunette and blonde in it, to any mechanic who will take it. On second thought I will keep the blonde and brunette and trade them in for a newer model later.

I, Jim Fox, will my good conduct grades in Mrs. Funchess room and my cheating ability to my girlfriend, Claire Emmott, who won't want them. Also, I will my great hook shot to Mr. Thompson to teach the B Team.

I, Andrea Gustafson, leave my place in Mrs. Rollins' first period typing class to my sister Karen and hope that she will make better use of it than I did.

I, Lowell Hill, will my first and middle name "Lowell Winston" to anybody who will have such a stupid name.

I, Patti Oliver, with my great buddies, Jim Fox and Jane Yoder, will our Cheater's Proclamation to hard-up people like us, Ann Echols, and Claire Emmott.

I, Betty Otto, will all of the World History books to anyone who wants them.

I, Robert Patterson, will the calluses on my hands, received in Algebra II, to Jerry Ebanks.

I, Eleanor Powers, do hereby will my pair of beeing Bermuda socks to Miss Wyatt.

I, Lee Raesener, will my basketball ability (?) to Gus Koerner or

Mr. Thompson. however is the hardest up can have it.

I, Riscilla Randolph, will all my bad grades to iddie Fitzgerald and PWarbara Segers whom I'm sure will use them to a better advantage than I diBBd.

I, John Reese, will Mrs. Nelson to some Low 7 who needs a good homeroom teacher.

I, Suzanne Rich, being of sound mind, do hereby will my left over packages of red hair rinse to Karen Kamin in hopes she will use it to lure some poor unsuspecting male.

I, John Shields, as a last wish, will my Latin book to Connie Cook.

I, Donald Smith, leave my taps to Ross Thornton in hopes that he can use them.

I, Arlene Spinks, will nothing to nobody because I haven't got nobody to will nothing to.

I, Sharon Taylor, will my membership in the "Gurgle, Splurge, Splark" club to "Moose" Glen Rush Whitehead and anyone else who can say it.

I, Steve Thomas, will my curly hair to Jamie (Fannie) Holt.

I, Patsy Todd, will my Latin knowledge to the poor students that take the language under Mrs. Robertson.

I, Herman van Olphen, will my A's in Latin to Dick Roe who will probably need them next term.

I, Virginia Dale Webb, will my Latin text to all the poor suckers who take Latin.

I, Jerry White, being of sound mind, will my lost gym suit to my long, lost sister, Francine White.

I, Bob Wright, will my great musical ability to Bobby Arnett.

I, Louise Wright, being in a very generous mood, do hereby bequeath my membership in that great and clever organization the Ace Buddy Buddy Splark Club, to Mr. Ridley on the condition that he "sparks" all his classes. I hope that he has as much fun in it as I did.

I, Bill Yancey, will my Spanish

book to Jimmy Berly in hopes that he makes better grades than I did.

I, Jane Yoder, being very witty, will all my cute and clever jokes to Mary Wayne Heathcott, Brenda Heid, Ashley Hooper, and Walter Lee, who I'm sure are very pleased to receive them.

I, Udith Zindler, will my A's in Algebra to my little sister, Kay. She'll need them, too.

Mrs. Eresch's Homeroom:

I, Bob Barnett, will my clever ability to drive the teachers crazy to all new freshies.

We, Babs Brownler and Carole Sexton, will to Ronnie Armer and Elliott Pfughaupt the ability to get along with Mr. Denson.

I, Billy Cash, will my personal valet, Bobby Leamon, to Robert Brown.

I, Pat Cassidy, will my brains to those who want them.

I, Charles Chamberlain, wouldn't will that to anyone.

I, Carolyn Freedman, will to Robert Freedman, Jimmy Henry, Judy Kelly, Neil Calnan, and Robert Anderson, my ability to see Uncle Willie so often.

I, John Garrett, leave my graces to Mr. Young and English grades to Sloan Brooks.

I, Carol McDonald, do hereby leave to Jerry Turner my ability to drive teachers crazy.

I, Jan McDonald, will my last piece of bubble gum to Mr. Denson.

I, Jim Morgan, will my sister Georgia and Frances Martin my clever art to skip school.

I, Sara Morgan, will any pops to Uncle Willie.

I, Richard Nasso, leave my typing grades to Barbara Whitehead and Mrs. Rollins, and good times in Science to Joy Williams and Sloan Brooks.

I, Eddie Jean Noack, leave my good times and grades to Donna Smith and Linda McPheeters.

I, Ronnie Sanders, (Pierre) will the sawdust in my head to the maids of this school.

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LEGION AWARDS PRESENTED

New Seventh Grade Class Given Welcome

Today Pershing will welcome 250 new L-7's from Mark Twain, Roberts, West University, Condit, Horn, Cunningham, Will Rogers, Gordon and Shearn elementary schools.

An orientation program was given today in the auditorium. The welcoming speech was given by Bob Johnson, President of the Student Council. The music was presented by the Pershing Band. The introduction of the staff was given by Bob Johnson. Pershing School song was led by the cheerleaders, Judy Mount, Jamie Holt, Dianne Frank, Carolyn Craddock, Jane Yoder, Norma Adams, and Judy Strader.

The Executive Committee of the Student Council was presented to the H-6. Mack Kidd talked on "Your Success in Junior High School." Bob Warren gave the Patrol Orientation. A play was given by the speech class of Mrs. Junger. The instruction for the tour was given by Mrs. Leila Mae McKinley, the seventh grade counselor.

During the past several weeks, students from the present L-7 members of the orchestra and Mrs. McKinley, visited the above schools. They told the H-6's about Pershing and invited them to the orientation program. After a contest, the following L-7 students were chosen to go to the elementary schools: Isabella Smith, Ann Wilkenson, Judy (Continued on Page 2)

INFORMATION CORNER

ONE WAY DOORS

The small door by 105 is one way in.

The big door by 105 is one way out.

The stairs by 105 are one way up.

The stairs by 104 are one way down.

The stairs by 106A are one way up.

Students must have a permit to get in the doors by the office in the morning before the bell rings.

To go to the library in the morning before the bell rings students must go to the door across from the office.

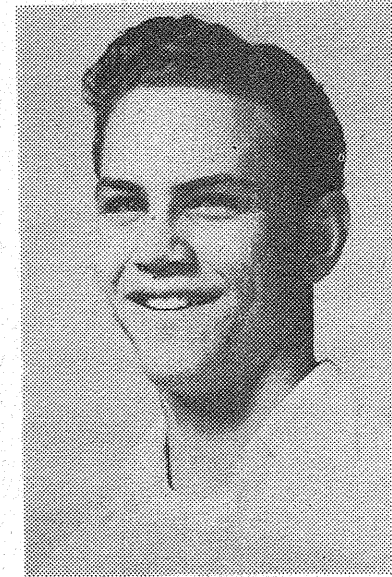
SPORTS

The CHATTER is carrying a lot of extra copy this issue due to the special features in connection with the High Nine graduating class, and therefore could not print the Sports Review.

The sports news in brief—both Pershing basketball teams are undefeated (at time of this writing). On the "A" team, Lee Raesener is high scorer, followed by Jim Fox, Tvee Thomas, Jimmy Hunt, and Jimmy Hammond.



PATTI OLIVER



STEVE THOMAS



NORMA ADAMS



JAMES DUNNAWAY

Former Principal Makes Presentation At Assembly

The gold medals and citations of the American Legion Awards were presented to Patti Oliver and Steve Thomas, as outstanding students, by Mr. Clarence Orman, former Pershing principal, during ceremonies held in the auditorium Monday, January 17th.

The Legion awards are presented twice a year to the high nine boy and girl who are considered outstanding in their class in schools all across the nation. They are graded for their traits of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Service, Character, and Companionship (girls only).

H-9 Sport Dance Given To Raise Class Gift Fund

A sport dance sponsored by the H-9 class was held Friday, January 7, in the Pershing cafeteria.

Mrs. High, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Eresch, and Mr. Brand, H-9 registrars, were chaperones and headed the ticket sales, decorations, refreshments and program committees.

Acting as mistress of ceremonies was Sharon Taylor, a H-9 student. Prizes were given to the winner of a pop contest.

The dance was held in order to raise money for a gift to be presented to the school from the H-9 class which will graduate at mid-term.

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School To Offer Audio-Visual Class

A new class will be added to Pershing at mid-term. This new class will be a visual education class which will be taught by Mrs. Rosson.

One of the purposes of the class is to bring more and better audio-visual material to Pershing.

Seventh and eighth grade boys will register for visual education rather than for practical arts. It will be arranged so that there will be 4 or 5 boys at each period available to run the projectors.

X-RAY UNIT TO VISIT PERSHING

Soon the "shudder bug," T. B. will be face to face with another type of shutter.

Mrs. Berry, the school nurse, has arranged for a mobile X-Ray unit to visit Pershing. This unit will be furnished by the Prevention of Tuberculosis Unit of the City Health Department. The X-Ray unit will be at Pershing February 24th and 25th, and will cost each student 25c.

Any student wishing to have this X-Ray made will be sent to the unit during his Physical Education period.

Teen Age Book Club Sponsored By Pershing Social Studies Class

At the beginning of the fall semester, a new club was formed called the Tab Club. This was taken from the "Teen Age Book Club."

This club is sponsored by Mr. Skinner's second period social studies class.

"The object is to acquaint boys and girls with better types of literature," said Ed Hunt, secretary of the club.

The Christian Science Monitor, in its issue of June 24th, 1954, had quite a lengthy article by a Mr. T. Morris Longstreth, in which he said that he had come in contact with several boys and girls, one of whom said:

"I've never read a book through in my life except school books, of course."

This was quite a surprise to Mr. Longstreth, but he soon realized that the boy had other interests such as sports, hobbies, television, and social obligations.

The boy was asked if he was interested in baseball and he said that he was. Mr. Longstreth then gave him a copy of Garth Garreau's "Bat Boy of the Giants" in the paper back edition.

After reading the book, the boy came back for more books.

A twenty-five cent book had made a reader of him. This was characteristic of boys and girls all over the United States who started "Teen Age Book Clubs," conducted by scholastic magazines.

The boys and girls, the first year, had purchased 829,000 books and, they bought them out of their own allowances. It is true that these

The John R. Burkett-Beverly E. Williams Post (No. 77) of the American Legion makes the presentations at Pershing. The presentation of the awards by the American Legion has been in practice for many years as a part of their program to encourage Americanism in our nation's schools. It is not a popularity contest.

During the program to present the awards to Patti and Steve, Mr. Orman, introduced by Mr. Henry A. Schumacher of Legion Post No. 77, acted as guest speaker as well as made the presentations. Also introduced during the program was Mr. Walter Lee, commander of Post 77.

Patti and Steve were chosen to receive the awards out of a list of ten of Pershing's top high nine students. Patti, a member of Mrs. Nelson's homeroom, is the winner of five scholarships and will most likely win her sixth this semester. Other than being an excellent student, Patti is very active in many activities in and out of school. She came to Pershing from West University Elementary School and plans to attend San Jacinto and then the new Bellaire High School.

Among Patti's wide variety of activities, most outstanding are her membership in the Pershing Student Council, the National Honor Society, the Rainbow Girls, and her positions of business manager and news editor for the PERSHING CHATTER. Other honors in her treasure chest include the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, and twice the Sweetheart candidate, and the nominee for May Fete Queen from her homeroom. She has been gym team captain three times and class leader once.

Patti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Oliver of 4917 Holly.

Steve Thomas, also of Mrs. Nelson's homeroom, has made a name

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Teacher Returns

A familiar face has returned to Pershing after a long absence. It is that of Mrs. Patterson, the school music (band and orchestra) director. Mrs. Patterson, however, had to return three weeks early because Doctor Koepke had to leave the city unexpectedly. It seems that Doctor Koepke's mother was ill and he had to move to North Carolina to be with her.

Mrs. Patterson and Dr. Koepke were due to have the orchestra and band together but since the illness of Mrs. Koepke, Mrs. Patterson will teach them both.

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